

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants wish to thank the examiner for the courtesy shown to their representative during telephone interviews on January 3 and 7, 2010. The participants were Examiner H. Mered and the undersigned.

During the interview on January 3, 2010, the Examiner stated that he would not agree to allow the pending claims based on the arguments, distinguishing over the prior art, presented in the response filed November 8, 2010. The Examiner indicated that if the claims were amended to be "technology specific" they would be allowable. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that the independent claims should be limited to UMTS, the flows should be defined as MAC-d flows multiplexed on a MAC-e flow on an enhanced dedicated uplink channel (E0DCH), and the identifier should be defined as identifying the QoS attributes already received by the RNC and already stored in the base station. During the interview on January 7, 2010, to discuss proposed amended claims drafted by the undersigned, the Examiner stated that the method should include language that the base station associates the identifier with the QoS attributes of the plurality of MAC-d flows received from the radio network controller.

The claims have been amended in accordance with the telephone interviews. Also, claims 82 and 103 are canceled, and dependent claims have been amended to be consistent with the changes to the independent claims.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims are directed to allowable subject matter, and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a direct communication, the examiner is requested to e-mail the undersigned at the address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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